progressing as per schedule. Some works, which fall behind schedule, are reviewed on a quarterly basis and action is taken to remove the bottlenecks.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, no new National Highways are being declared presently due to constraint of funds.

(c) Does not arise.

National Highways In Uttar Pradesh

1079. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of districts connected with these National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to connect rest of the districts of the State with these National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) 30 Nos. of National Highways pass through Uttar Pradesh.

(b) 60 Districts are connected with the National Highways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Road proposals from Gujarat

1080. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal for declaring any New National Highways in the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite declaration of certain roads in the States as National Highways the additional grant commensurating with

†Original notice of trie question was received in Hindi.

the increase in length has not yet been allotted to the State Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) All proposals received from all States/Union Territories including Gujarat regarding declaration of new National Highways have been returned to the respective States/Union Territories as new National Highways are not being declared due to fund constraints.

(b) and (c) The funds for maintenance of National Highways are allocated to the States keeping in view of the overall availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

Delay in completion of road projects

1081. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the 215th Flash Report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for September, 2003 about 94 road and transport projects have reported additional delays over the completion dates;

(b) if so, the details of the projects and their range of delays;

(c) the reasons for the delay;

(d) the project-wise cost escalation due to delay; and

(e) the steps being taken to complete the projects on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) There are 31 projects, which have reported delays over the dates of completion.

(b) and (c) The details are given in Statement-I. *{See* below)

(d) The contracts are still at various stages of implementation.